

## THE KNOXVILLE INDEPENDENT

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This is the open season for Welsh rabbits.

Carlic is suggested as a cure for tuberculosis. A strenuous cure, all right.

Radium is said to add fertility to the soil. But there are lots of cheaper fertilizers.

A hunter was killed in the Maine woods the other day. That ceased long ago to be heroic.

A Chicago woman advertises herself as a "hat doctor." Must give her patrons dope on the latest styles.

President Elliot of Harvard advises freshmen to marry early. They'll have to if they marry while they're freshmen.

A Fond du Lac judge holds that a woman may slap her mother-in-law. Sure she can, if she wants to run the chance.

A New York prisoner explained that he gets thirsty every time the moon changes, which is as good an excuse as most men give.

A noted German editor is coming over here to learn all about American newspapers. He'll have a long time to spend in studying.

Official returns show that 40,000 Corots have been shipped from London to New York. That Corot must have worked day and night.

An Englishman has developed a stingless honeybee that is a better worker than the bee that stings. Hurry with the kickless mule.

One may openly confess an unholy curiosity as to what the woman conductors of Philadelphia will say when the trolley slips off the wire.

A designer says that \$3.48 is enough for a dress for a young girl. It may be enough for the dress, but it wouldn't convince the wearer.

A Philadelphia woman has been declared insane because she "talks incessantly." But how does this distinguish her from the normal?

A Chicago waiter has been arrested charged with hanging about cemeteries and attempting to flirt with the women and girls. A grave offense.

A woman has sued her husband for divorce because he insisted on playing checkers all the time. Couldn't stand his checkered career, evidently.

"A spade is not an implement of wealth," remarks a Pennsylvania labor leader. Still, money, the root of evil, can only be obtained by digging.

A Washington cow ate a bunch of dynamite and then laid down and died. Had she survived her meal, she'd probably have given nitroglycerin.

Have you ever noticed how nice looking and intelligent the women are who have taken to wearing sensible heels on their shoes? Of course you have!

A Gothamite frightened his wife so badly with toy pistol that she beat him up and had him arrested. Perhaps she was afraid he didn't know it was loaded.

Medicine is now placed in candy for the benefit of the little ones. In days gone by the youngster had a choice of starving for his castor oil or a thrashing.

An English duke who is in his ninety-second year hurt himself lately by falling from his car. These sporty old boys are still giving the laugh to the Oslerian theory.

After all, it would seem that those guns for the destruction of war airplanes are a waste of time. Just give the aviators enough space, and results will be accomplished.

The new type of baggage check omits, however, any means of telling the condition of the baggage when delivered. All the punches and holes are in that case in the trunk.

The air and the water continue to claim sacrifices and death walks abroad on the land. Clearly there is no place where a man can go and be safe, but the man with a clear conscience need not be troubled.

Paris has prohibited duelling in the streets and those who wish to engage in this merry pastime must retire to secluded places. Denying combatants a gallery is one of the most effective methods of breaking up the practice.

The inventor of circus lemonade died recently, showing that all men eventually get what is coming to them.

"Intensive housework" is a phrase recently uttered and brings up a picture of much toil on the hands and knees.

Wireless will next be used to regulate clocks on shipboard. When it has been successfully applied to the running of aeroplanes, it may do away with that inconvenient stopping of the motor.

## NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

### Suggests the Mounting of American Boy Scouts



WASHINGTON.—Curtis Guild, Jr., American ambassador to St. Petersburg, desires to see mounted boy scouts. He believes the United States government should furnish ponies for the boys, give them instruction in horsemanship riding and train them in skill in riding and develop their hardiness.

### Washington's Sewerage System Pronounced Best

WASHINGTON'S sewerage system has been pronounced the finest in the world by a party, including some of the foremost sanitary engineers. This party, which included Dr. John Watson, chief sanitary engineer of Birmingham, England, and formerly chief sanitary engineer of Toronto; Dr. George W. Fuller of New York, author of the standard work on sewerage systems; Dr. Soper, president of the Metropolitan Drainage commission of New York City, and James C. Webster, chief sanitary engineer of Philadelphia, were escorted over the system by Superintendent Asa E. Phillips just at the close of the Congress of Hygiene and Demography. It was the unanimous opinion of this party that no city had a better system except the German municipalities, which were considered to be a model in this regard. Washington is underlaid by 600 miles of subterranean rivers, an average of nearly nine miles of river to every square mile of land. These are really underground rivers, because they take off the flowage from a half dozen or so streams which used

to drain through what is now the central portion of the city. In addition, they handle all the drainage from Washington houses and all the immense amount of rain that falls annually in the District. The system was started in 1810, when an initial appropriation of \$120 was granted for that purpose. The present sewerage system has so far cost \$12,000,000 and the annual expenditure for sewerage runs about \$350,000, and the annual increase in mileage is about 25 miles. To get rid of mosquito breeding, all of the catch basins of which there are about 5,000, are thoroughly flushed biweekly, and then dosed with mosquito oil during the season.

Early in May some Cossack boys, ranging in age from eleven to fourteen years, left their villages and assembled at Lepinsk, mounted on small and rough but hardy ponies. They marched 500 miles across country to Kabul-Sai on the Tashkent railway where they were entrained for St. Petersburg toward the end of July. "Arriving in St. Petersburg, the 70 boys rode around the city seeing the sights for several days, and they were then given a place in the grand review. The next day they gave a special drill before the emperor. The drill consisted of a little troop work in close order, of the Cossack exercises in the saddle with the pony at full speed, and ended with all the boys standing in their saddles, advancing in line and singing their native songs."

### Uncle Sam Makes It Much Easier to Secure a Farm

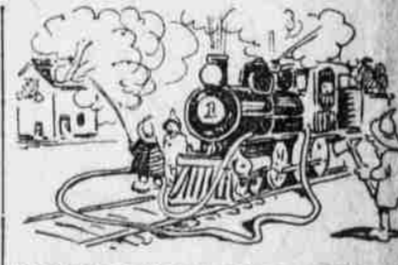
mer years, and consequently fewer applications for homesteads. According to the latest report of the land office there still remain to be disposed of in homestead, timber, coal, mineral and stone lands 695,401,259 acres, situated in what are commonly known as public land states. About one-quarter of these lands have been surveyed. In order, then, to induce entries on the remaining lands, congress recently passed a law providing that certain restrictions on these entries in the way of cultivation, residence, etc., be moderated so that settlers would find it less difficult to live up to the specifications set forth in homestead laws. One of the most attractive features of the new law is the three-year residence clause. This provides that in order to entitle a person to a patent upon a homestead it must be shown that he has resided on the farm for three years. Honorably discharged soldiers and sailors are entitled to claim credit for the period of service, after they have resided upon, improved and cultivated the land for a period of at least one year.



GENEROUS Uncle Sam who for over a century has been giving away homesteads in the west through his general land office here, has decided that in order to make these lands more attractive to the prospective settlers he must make some concessions which will render them easier to acquire. As a result of the constant granting of homestead tracts, ranging from 40 to 320 acres, since the enactment of the homestead act of 1862, during which time the government has given away gratis more than 123,540,355 acres in final homestead entries, the land office has found it had on its hands lands less suitable for cultivation and farming purposes than in for-

### Railroad Puts Engine in the City Fire Service

ONE of the big railroads having terminals here has equipped a locomotive with modern fire-fighting apparatus and put it in commission to assist the district firemen in extinguishing flames in the railroad yards, particularly near New Jersey and Virginia avenue. Because of the high speed of which the engine is capable and the fact that it has right of way all the time, its service will be invaluable, as has already been shown by its efficiency in putting out small flames in the yards without the assistance of the municipal department. The excellent switch-board service, operated from the towers, can give it right of way with scarcely any delay. The primary use of the engine will be in the yards, but it can be brought to the Union station or elsewhere along the road if necessary. The terminal has been so constructed that water can be reached at any point in the yards. This is not an innovation, as the



road has equipped a large number of similar engines. In many places they have grown more efficient than the fire department and are called upon to do most of the work. No fewer than 150 fires have been extinguished by the locomotive fire engines in the various yards and stations of the company. The railroad has a special organization which becomes effective whenever a fire breaks out. The assistant chief yardmaster acts as chief of the department; he gives general directions in case of a fire and conducts drill from time to time.

members. When asked what composed the virtues of the Shaker creed, Timothy George replied, with much waving of the arms: "We all good Indians. Help one another. When one sick we all shake his hands. Shake all the time until he gets well. No medicine. We also shake hands with each other when some one is sick. That makes him well. We take care of family when some one sick. All good Indians."

Rufyard Kipling is a divine waltzer.

## BODY BLOWN 75 FEET

WILL THOMAS INSTANTLY KILLED IN MAURY COUNTY.

Both Legs, One Arm and One Hand Completely Severed From the Body.

Columbia.—Will Thomas, aged 30, who has for several years operated the rock crusher and quarry of W. P. Ridley, one mile from Columbia, on the Mt. Pleasant turnpike, was killed by the explosion of about half a box of dynamite. Thomas went to the tool chest where the explosives were kept and it is supposed that he dropped some tools on a cap, exploding the whole box of explosives. Both of his legs, one arm and one hand were completely blown away and have not been found. His body was found about twenty-five feet from where the accident occurred blown up against a rock wall. His face was not disfigured in any way. Thomas lived a few minutes after the occurrence.

### CORN AND TOMATO SHOW.

Girls' and Boys' Farming Contest at Camden.

Camden.—Benton county people saw the real effects of the Boys' Corn Club and Girls' Tomato Club at Camden. The different products were placed in position by the boys and girls. Fifty boys, representing every civil district in the county, were in the contest and each was allowed to place ten ears of corn of his own crop on exhibition, together with the stalks on which the ears grew. Twenty girls, with more than sixty varieties of canned goods, represented the tomato clubs in the contest. The prizes offered for the boys' contest totaled more than \$200, while that given the girls was something like \$150. Six stalks of corn on display were more than sixteen feet long, containing from two to four good ears of corn to the stalk.

### KNAPP MEMORIAL.

Raising Funds for Purpose Meeting With Success.

Nashville.—The Knapp Memorial Committee is meeting with gratifying success. The practical value of the Knapp Farm and School of Country Life has been widely and heartily endorsed, both by leading school men and agriculturists. The raising of funds is progressing rapidly. Everywhere the idea is meeting with substantial responses. At a meeting of the West Texas Co-operative Demonstration Agents at Fort Worth recently they raised among themselves \$425 in twenty minutes. The persons who knew Dr. Seaman A. Knapp and were his co-workers are enthusiastic over the farm and school to be established at Nashville and in connection with Peabody College, which will keep his influence spreading over the whole South for the future generations.

### NASHVILLE RESERVOIR BREAKS.

Scores in Danger and Property in Jeopardy—Houses Washed Away.

Nashville.—The wall of the east basin of the Nashville reservoir broke shortly after 12 o'clock Monday morning, the aperture being about 15 feet in width. Through this stream of water six feet deep swept with great velocity. Eighth avenue, south, suffered most damage. Here several houses were washed away, and one or two of them demolished. A few houses on Lynnwood avenue were also damaged. There was no loss of life. The roar of the rushing waters awakened the residents of the flooded section and brought many spectators to the scene. The fire alarm was given and much excitement followed. The family of W. O. Arzinger had a narrow escape, as their home was moved 50 yards from its foundations. Many houses were flooded, fences were demolished and a property loss of probably \$10,000 entailed. The reservoir has a capacity of 52,000,000 gallons.

### Church Celebration.

Columbia.—Zion Church in this county celebrated its one hundredth and fifth anniversary Sunday with a home-coming. The congregation of the church made great preparations for the occasion and all of the former members of the church now living were invited to come back to old Zion. A great dinner was spread on the ground that day and two services were held, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

### Two Escape Pen.

Nashville.—Two negroes, Bud Glenn and Fount Carr, escaped from the state penitentiary here. Glenn was serving a sentence of twenty-one years for assault with intent to murder, having been sent up from Gibson county in 1909. Carr was serving a fifteen-year sentence for housebreaking and larceny, and was convicted in Davidson county in 1908.

### Gen. Robert Healy Dies.

Chattanooga.—Gen. Robert Healy, one of the best known and wealthiest business men of Chattanooga, dropped dead of heart disease in his apartments here.

### Will Push Pure Food Fight.

Chattanooga.—Hon. H. Clay Evans, Commissioner of Health for Chattanooga, announces that the crusade instituted by Dr. Lucius P. Brown, State Food and Drugs Inspector, will be prosecuted right along. The Commissioner thinks the investigation followed by the arrest of several meat dealers for unsanitary condition of their places will have a beneficial effect on the work of the local inspectors. Mr. Evans said that the inspectors found liver being offered for sale that had worms in it.

## WOULD-BE SLAYER IS KILLED

BATTERED DOWN DOOR AND SHOT SISTER-IN-LAW.

Husband and Wife Who Were Living Apart Shot Over Possession of Their Child.

Chattanooga.—Ernest Swafford was shot and killed by his wife after he had battered down the door of their one-room cabin down, shot his wife's sister and threatened to "clean out the whole family." Swafford and his wife had been separated for some time. He stole to the cabin and carried off their child. Mrs. Swafford secured a peace warrant, together with papers by which she could regain possession of the child. Swafford learned of his wife's action and in retaliation he went to the house with a shotgun. Battering the door of the cabin down, he fired one shot, which hit his sister-in-law, Mrs. Templeton, in the hip. His wife, who was crouching in a corner of the one-room cabin, picked up another shotgun before her husband could fire again, pulled trigger and the lead penetrated his stomach and death was almost instantaneous.

### LEAPED OFF MOVING TRAIN.

Noted Forger Tried to Escape, but Officer Jumped Also.

Chattanooga.—Thomas Rench, alias E. T. Joyce, one of the most noted forgers in the country, made a desperate attempt to escape from an officer by leaping from a car window of the Dixie Flyer on the N. C. & St. L. road near Wartrace, while en route to this city.

The train was running at high speed when Rench suddenly plunged through the window. Deputy Sheriff Collier, who had the prisoner in charge, made a headlong plunge from the platform of the swiftly moving train and captured the forger 500 yards from the spot where he had alighted.

Neither of the men sustained any injury other than a few bruises. Thomas Rench is one of the worst forgers in the country. He was arrested in Knoxville and escaped from the city jail in that city. He made his way to Chicago, where he was arrested. Rench is wanted for forging checks in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee.

### Accidentally Kills Sister.

Clarksville.—Louis Hale accidentally shot and killed his sister at their home, four a half miles south of Clarksville. He had his pistol in his hand, which he had been cleaning, and in walking across the floor to put it away stumbled and struck the pistol in such a manner that caused it to fire, shooting her in the temple, killing her instantly. She was a young lady about 17 years old and highly respected in her community.

### Medicine Company Sues.

Nashville.—Alleging that their business has been harmed to the extent of \$8,000, the Humphries Homeopathic Medicine Company of New York has filed suit for damages in the federal court against Dr. Lucius P. Brown, state pure food and drug inspector. The plaintiff claims that the injuries resulted from the publication by the state official of an advertisement denouncing a preparation manufactured by the defendant.

### Another Veteran Gone.

Waverly.—Capt. W. W. Hobbs, one of Humphrey county's oldest and best known citizens, has died, aged 81 years, of diseases incident to old age. He served the Confederacy in the civil war under Col. Alonzo Napier, Tenth Tennessee cavalry, being captain of Company A. At the battle of Parker's Cross Roads he was wounded in the arm. He was a valiant soldier.

### Gets Thirty Days.

Nashville.—Tom Goosby, the colored chauffeur who knocked down and killed Mrs. Shelley M. Childress with his car as she was crossing Broad street, pleaded guilty to the charge of involuntary manslaughter and was sentenced to serve thirty days in the workhouse.

### Writer of War Stories Dies.

Clarksville.—Capt. R. P. Johnson, 75, died in the same house in which he was born. He was captain of Company F, Forty-ninth Tennessee regiment, and was wounded at the battle of Franklin. He was among the best known writers of short war stories in the South, and at time of his death was engaged in writing a history of Quarles' brigade.

### Boy "Burglar" Kills Brother.

Nashville.—The laugh and shout of a boyish game of "burglar" at the home of J. R. Johnson suddenly turned into his son, Clifford, aged 14, killed his brother, Carson, 12 years old. In the game the father's shotgun was appropriated, make-believe burglar, Clifford, not knowing it was loaded. The top of the younger's head was blown off by the charge.

### Aged Woman Burned.

Union City.—Mrs. Mattie Hutchison, the aged widow of "Uncle Ben" Hutchison, caught fire while standing near an open fireplace and was almost burned to death before aid arrived.

### Free of Murder Charge.

Murfreesboro.—After a trial of several days, Deputy Sheriff Jep Hall was acquitted of the charge of murdering Policeman Joe Arnold about two years ago.

### Bank Clearings Grow.

Nashville.—Over \$10,000,000 increase in the bank clearings at Nashville is shown by the records of the Nashville clearing house for the month of October. The total clearings this month, according to the official figures, amount to \$32,202,028.15, against \$21,741,471.04.

## NEITHER HAYSEED NOR ANGEL

But There Need Be Little Question That Young Lady Had Much Ingenuity.

Across the line on the Kansas side where the study of agriculture is compulsory, one of the high school girls took home her monthly report card and proudly announced: "I took the highest grade in the class in history, English literature and German."

"That's all very well," replied her father, critically examining the card, "but how about this grade in agriculture?"

"Oh, well," explained the daughter, "I'm no hayseed!"

A little farther down a deportment grade, not altogether satisfactory, appeared.

"And how do you account for this grade in deportment?" he inquired.

"I'm no bloomin' angel, either," she replied.—Kansas City Star.

### A DRAFT.



Green—Is your son, who is studying art in Paris, learning to draw? Wise—Well, he draws on me every week or so.

### Nor for Her.

"He seems to be so superficial," said Mrs. Oldcastle. "Yes," replied Mrs. Gottalotte, as she hung her \$15,000 necklace over the back of a chair. "I've noticed that. He's got half a dozen big ones stuffed that he claims he caught. I wouldn't have such things in my dining room."

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